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INTERCLASS MEET COMMENDED BY ALL

Events Bring New Material to the Fore that Promises a Successful Season.

COLLEGE WINS FIRST PLACE

FOR THE first time in the history of the University the students of the George Washington University have held a fall indoor meet. The track meet held in the magnificent Arcade Auditorium on the 26th was a decided success from an athletic standpoint. The real object of the affair was the unearthing of track material. The manager and captain of the Track Team are happy to announce that the prospects of the University in track athletics are very bright. Several novices were brought out, who, with a little coaching, should develop into point winners in the big inter-collegiate meets of the winter.

MEET INTERESTING TO SPECTATORS.

No one who attended the affair has been heard to express any dissatisfaction. On the contrary, all have been in hearty accord in stating that the evening was most delightfully passed.

COLLEGE ROLLS UP LARGEST SCORE.

By far the best showing was made by the Department of Arts and Sciences which scored 36 points. The Law School came next with a count of 17 points. The Dental Department was third with 15 points. Mr. Cuthbert Farmer, of the Dental School, carried off the honors as highest individual point winner.

FRESHMEN OF Δ T Δ AND Α Β Φ.

The most amusing feature of the performance was the initiation of the freshmen of the Delta Tau Delta and the Alpha Beta Phi fraternities. Imagine about fifteen freshmen with an exaggerated idea of their own importance being forced to role hoops over the floor, and push pennies for fifty yards or more, on the dusty track, with their noses. Those who were not present at the meet missed an interesting spectacle.

Σ Φ Ε WINS INTERFRATERNITY RACE.

The race which created the greatest excitement was that between the fraternities. Sigma Phi Epsilon got off first and maintained the lead over the whole course, with Alpha Beta Phi second, Delta Tau Delta third, and Theta Delta Chi fourth. On the last two laps, however, the order was changed to Theta Delta Chi third and Delta Tau Delta fourth, the former team running an uphill race from the second man.

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FOOTBALL TEAM OF 1910

Assistant Coach J. St. C. Brookes, Jr., Makes Critical Analysis of Team's Record.

CONSIDERED from the standpoint of the games scheduled and the playing record of the team, the season of 1910 presents few points of interest; as a whole, its predominating feature is its mediocrity. Considered with reference to its unfortunate and premature termination, the season has great possibilities, and its effect upon the athletic policy of the University seems likely to be far-reaching.

SCHEDULE RATHER UNATTRACTIVE.

In the first place the schedule was not particularly attractive. With the exception of our ancient rival, Bucknell, who was slated for the annual Thanksgiving game, none of the contests scheduled for the home grounds were drawing cards of any magnitude. Washington College, M. A. C., St. Johns College, and Fredericksburg College completed the roster, all satisfactory as minor games, but none peculiarly interesting either for financial reasons or for existing rivalry between the institutions. In somewhat striking contrast to the preceding season, when all games were played on the home grounds, the 1910 schedule boasted of two trips, one to Richmond, Va., with Richmond College as our adversary; the other to Lynchburg, Va., where our team met V. P. I. on what is practically neutral ground.

OPENING GAME UNSATISFACTORY.

This rather ordinary schedule necessitated the piling up of large scores in the local games, if the team were to secure a satisfactory ranking among the colleges of the South-Atlantic division, and to experience a successful season financially. Consequently there was considerable disappointment when we were forced to be content with a 5 to 0 victory over Fredericksburg, though, when the weather conditions under which the contest were played are considered, there was practically nothing upon which to base a satisfactory estimate of the playing strength of the team.

LUCK WAS AGAINST OUR TEAM.

Then followed in succession Washington College, M. A. C., and

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G. W. U. CHEMICAL SOCIETY

Although A New Organization it Has Made an Excellent Beginning.

"We're in need of a chemical society," said the students with conscious propriety.

"We'll get busy," said they, "We'll organize today." And they did so with perfect sobriety.

EVEN as the poet (?) has written, so has it come to pass that the Chemical Society of the George Washington University has made a most impressive debut. Drawn together by true chemical affinity into one sympathetic molecular unit, the students of chemistry have crystallized their efforts into a chemical society. With the energy so characteristic of the wielders of the wash bottle and test-tube, they have lost no time in beginning work. At a meeting held on October 28, it was decided to organize a Chemical Society. On November 4, the constitution and by-laws of the Chemical Society of George Washington University were adopted, and the following officers elected:

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.

Prof. C. E. Munroe, honorary president.

J. N. Taylor, president.

E. H. Ingersoll, vice-president.

R. L. Shuman, secretary.

A. S. Thatcher, treasurer.

The first regular meeting of the society was held on November 11, when those present signed the constitution and by-laws, and thereby became charter members.

EDUCATIONAL FEATURES OFFERED.

The purposes of this organization are "to enliven the interest in chemistry among chemistry students," and to cultivate a closer personal acquaintance. The meetings are held on the second Friday evening of each month during the academic year, in Room 24, Medical Building. The educational features of the meetings consist of lectures by eminent scientists, or the reading of papers on scientific subjects by members of the society, after which the subjects are open to discussion. All persons interested in chemistry are cordially invited to attend the meetings. Any student "who is pursuing or has pursued a course in chemistry in the George Washing-

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ADMIRAL STOCKTON ELECTED PRESIDENT

Receives Unanimous Vote of one of the Largest Meetings of Trustees on Record.

OTHER IMPORTANT CHANGES

BY THE unanimous vote of one of the largest meetings of the Board of Trustees that has ever been held, Admiral Stockton, who had been occupying the position of acting president since last May, was made president of the University on Wednesday, November 30. Fifteen out of twenty-one members of the Board were present at the meeting. The change from acting president to president is more than a mere change in name. It adds considerably to the stability of the University.

PRESIDENT HAS DONE GOOD WORK.

Although President Stockton has not been in charge of the University for a long time, nevertheless he has made his influence felt. His assumption of the duties of the headship of the University marks the beginning of a new era of gradual growth along common-sense lines. The University has a right to feel proud of its new president, and should consider itself fortunate in having so strong a man at its head during this critical period of its history.

TRUSTEE TO BE ELECTED.

The elevation of Admiral Stockton to the presidency of the University leaves a vacancy on the Board of Trustees. The vacancy will be filled at a meeting of the Board to be held in the near future. The trustee elected will fill out the unexpired term of Admiral Stockton, which ends in 1912.

CHANGE IN ORGANIZATION.

The Board of Trustees also adopted new by-laws. The most important change is the separation of the educational from the purely business functions. The new by-laws provide that the president shall be the head of all educational work, while the chairman of the Executive Committee of the Board shall have "the superintendence of the business affairs of the corporation."

It is believed that much of the trouble in the past has been due to the fact that upon the president alone have devolved all business as well as educational duties connected with the management of the University. The change instituted by the new by-laws will remedy this defect, and should go a long way towards systematizing the management of University business.

Intersociety Debate.

The first intersociety debate of the year, between the Needham and Columbian Debating Societies, will be held on the evening of Saturday, December 17, in the main hall of the Law School. This is an event of university importance. All students and their friends are invited to be present.

RESTORATION OF ENDOWMENTS.

By direction of the Board of Trustees the Medical School and the two Hospital buildings have been placed in trust as security for the restoration of all endowment funds given to the University and to its predecessors, the Columbian University and the Columbian College, since the institution was founded in 1821. The auditors of the Attorney-General, acting under resolution of the House of Representatives and a provision in the original charter of 1821, have examined all the endowment accounts, and have determined the amount of the endowment funds which has been borrowed by the institution since 1821 and used for general University purposes. The Medical School and Hospital buildings are pledged to the extent of \$350,000 for the purpose of securing and restoring these amounts, and, as the properties are worth more than this sum, it is expected that by the means adopted the endowment funds will ultimately all be restored to productive investment. When fully restored, the endowment funds of the University will approximate \$450,000.

PRESIDENT STOCKTON'S STATEMENT.

President Stockton made the following statement relative to his election:

"I consider my election a very great compliment on the part of the Board of Trustees, and have been very much flattered by remarks in the local papers. But I wish to say that I think that too much credit has been given me for the recovery of the University from the financial difficulties of last summer. Great credit should be given to Mr. Alpheus H. Snow, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees, for his indefatigable efforts in behalf of the University. Great thanks are also due to Mr. John B. Lerner, the present Chairman of the Board, and to Mr. Abram Lisner, Chairman of the Committee on Subscriptions, for their services at this critical time. The self-denying and loyal efforts of the Deans and the other members of the teaching staff have been matters of great encouragement to me. The services of the Treasurer in the matter of moving and installation of the University in its new quarters made it possible to open the various departments on the date set for the regular opening by the catalogue.

"All of this is a fine example of devotion and loyalty to the University which not only should be brought home to the student body, but should stimulate them to a spirit of ever-ready loyalty to the University while undergraduates and in time to come.

"So far as the future is concerned, I hope to devote myself entirely to the development of the University along present lines, by maintaining and improving the educational standards, and the unity of the University, and if the opportunity offers itself, by stimulating all movements for the stability of the University and the stability of its teaching staff.

"I feel much encouraged by the response, both for the present and for the future, that is coming and will come in the way of assistance from the community at large. The University Hospital has already received much financial aid by legacies and otherwise. The watchword of the hour—FORWARD—should be followed by everybody in everything."

MR. LARNER WELL PLEASED.

In commenting upon the election of Admiral Stockton to the presidency of the University, Mr. John B. Lerner, who was recently elected Chairman of the Board of Trustees, to succeed Mr. H. B. F. MacFar-

land, and who is the second oldest member of the Board in point of service, said:

"I am very much pleased with the election of Admiral Stockton as president of the University. Admiral Stockton came to the University at a very critical time, indeed, when a good deal of common sense and sound judgment was required in the management of the affairs of the University. By a rare display of tact, he has been able to keep matters well in hand. He has done so well that it was the unanimous opinion of the Board that he was entitled to all the honor and credit we could give him. The Admiral has made the same favorable impression upon the public generally."

THE FRESHMAN DANCE.

THE freshman class gave its first dance on Thanksgiving night in the ballroom at the Arlington Hotel. The patrons were Dr. and Mrs. Wilbur, Dr. and Mrs. Munroe, Dr. and Mrs. Hodgkins, and Dr. and Mrs. Hough, who kindly consented to act as sponsors at the initiation of the freshman class into society.

The festive spirit of the occasion lent added enthusiasm to the dancers, who continued their merriment until 1 o'clock. The room was beautifully decorated with banners and pennants, buff and blue—the University colors, predominating in the scheme. At the upper end of the room was hung the banner of the class of 1914. The orchestra was unusually good, and the programs in excellent taste, the design including the University seal and colors.

Supper was served at 11 o'clock, when many withdrew to the parlors to form little groups until dancing was resumed.

The students showed their interest in University affairs by turning out in large numbers in spite of the inclemency of the weather, and the hundred couples well represented all the departments and fraternities. The only regret of the evening was that the freshmen themselves were conspicuous by their absence. It was hinted by some, however, that this was due to their shyness, and that before the year is over they will surprise the other classes.

The committee having charge of the dance consisted of R. Miles Norris, chairman; Vincent Smith, Miles Bingham and H. Guy Chase, who, by their careful management, contributed much to the success of the affair.

The freshmen have set a pace that the other classes will have difficulty in following, and all who attended the dance are indebted to them for a most enjoyable evening.

A WORD FROM MR. KEATS.

THE manager of the Track Team wishes to thank those who aided as officials in the Interdepartmental Meet of Saturday, November 26, as well as Mr. Hodgkins, Mr. Zeh and Mr. Bingham, who very kindly consented to act as assistant managers, thereby making possible the holding of the event. Since all the receipts for tickets and entry fees are not yet in, no report can be given at the present date. If those who are delinquent will please endeavor to pay promptly, the accounts can be made out without further loss of time.

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G. W. U. CHEMICAL SOCIETY.*Continued from page one.*

ton University" is eligible for membership in this organization.

BEGINNING HAS BEEN AUSPICIOUS.

The career of this society has begun most auspiciously. Offering, as it does, so many advantages, both educational and social, to the students of chemistry, it is to be hoped that the membership will steadily increase. With this increase may be expected a corresponding broadening of the scope and activity of the organization. And we may look ahead into the future, when those who are now students, will have attained fame in the scientific world, and will look back with fond remembrance on the days when they were members of "The Chemical Society of George Washington University."

SOCIETIES HOLD MEETINGS.

BOTH the Needham and Columbian debating societies had important meetings on Friday, December 2, for the purpose of holding trials for the intersociety debate, that is to take place on Saturday, evening, December 17 in the main hall of the Law School. The question for this debate, and the one which was discussed at the trials, is: "Resolved, That laws should be enacted requiring railroads to compensate their employees for all injuries resulting from accidents occurring during the course of their employment, except such as may be due to the gross negligence of the injured employee." Needham formulated and submitted the question to the Columbian Society, which has chosen to uphold the affirmative.

THE NEEDHAM MEETING.

The regular meeting of the society on Friday evening of last week was a success from a viewpoint of both attendance and the interest manifested. Much enthusiasm was occasioned by the fact that this was the date set for the "try-outs" for the first intersociety debate of the year between the Columbian and Needham societies. The arguments were ably presented by both sides, and the ease with which the question was handled inspired confidence in all members present. The team will enter the coming contest with renewed energy and large hope of success. From the many members competing W. E. Kelly, J. Paul Oren, W. R. Fitch and G. B. Sanderlin, alternate, were chosen to uphold the honors of the society.

By a unanimous vote the members of the society tendered thanks to Mr. P. E. Bradley, the retiring president, for the untiring energy which he has displayed in advancing the interests of the society.

The new officers elected November 18 for the ensuing year are as follows: J. Paul Oren, president; W. E. Kelly, vice-president; S. S. Waite, secretary; G. B. Sanderlin, treasurer; W. P. O'Neal, sergeant-at-arms. Executive committee: W. E. Kelly, L. L. Schnare and P. E. Bradley. Representative on the Debating Council, Oscar Thompson.

THE COLUMBIAN MEETING.

The trials for the first intersociety debate were held Friday evening, December 2. The question submitted by Needham was debated by the six honor men chosen in the preceding weeks. The following were voted as representatives for Columbian: Peter R. Feldman, C. R. Smith, and J. B. Spessard, with M. Marcus as alternate. The debate was hotly contested and from the arguments advanced, it was difficult to tell whether the "poor employee" was being exploited to the last degree under the present system of employer's liability, or whether the railroads would be in great danger of losing a share of their profits, should the laws advocated by the affirmative be passed.

Come out and shout for Columbian at the debate.

POLITICAL SCIENCE NOTES.

IT IS understood that the State Department will be ready by December 5 to inform the various candidates of the grades attained by them in the Consular examination, held last June.

Norris L. Bowen, who is wintering at Rosslyn, Alexandria County, Va., was in to see us the other day. Norris looks the picture of health and threatens to come out for the track team next spring to see what he can do with the shot-put.

Professor McNemar is open to conviction that marriage is not a contract but a status. One of the embryo legal lights at the Law School, when interrogated on the point, vouchsafed the information that it's both. What matters it? It's binding anyway.

Consular officers receive some peculiar requests from American citizens. "Please send me the pasters of all hotels in your district," was the tenor of one in particular.

December 17 has been tentatively settled upon by Professor Osborne as the date on which the class in International Trade will be taken to Philadelphia to inspect the Commercial Museum.

Silk-stocking diplomats, gossamer creatures, butterfly "would-bes" don't appear to be to Professor Scott's liking.

GIRLS' GLEE CLUB PLANNED.

A PROJECT is now well under way looking to the formation of a Girls' Glee Club. Inasmuch as the "co-eds" of the University have very little opportunity to show their college spirit, it is confidently expected that they will concentrate all their efforts in making the Glee Club a success. It is necessary, however, that all the girls should help on the good cause, if anything worth while is to be accomplished.

The meeting which was posted for Saturday, the 3rd, at 12 o'clock, was postponed, and will probably be held in the near future between 1 and 1.30 p. m.—a time which should be convenient for all. Ev-

eryone who signed the paper to support the club is expected to be present at this initial meeting.

No definite plans have as yet been made, nor can any be made, until more interest is shown. Dean Wilbur has suggested that the club might hold concerts for the purpose of raising money for a new piano. All who have ever attended chapel, and even those who have been outside within hearing distance, know how much a new piano is needed. The cause is a good one, and if the tuneful strains that sometimes emanate from the girls' rooms are a fair indication, there is plenty of talent for the successful prosecution of the plan. What is needed is more co-operation. Get together!

THE CHERRY TREE AGAIN.

JUST at present the work is greatly handicapped by the fact that a number of the classes have failed to elect representatives on the staff. This is particularly true of the classes in the Law School. All classes should elect class editors for the annual immediately.

Some positions on the staff are still open. Students interested in the work are requested to communicate at once with the Editor, or Business Manager. This can be done by mail or by dropping a note in the NEWS box.

Every class editor is requested to send in his street address at once.

It is hoped that at this time some students interested in managing the book next year will come forward. They can now materially help the book and get experience that will help them next year. We may say that the honor is all that is involved. The book has by no means paid dividends in previous years but it can and will be run so that there is no deficit and perhaps even a small surplus. The total cost of the book is about three times the money received from subscriptions so you certainly get more than your money's worth. See your class editor and subscribe now!

FACULTY TO SUPERVISE.

THE President's Council recently passed a resolution to the effect that all student organizations of University scope must be authorized by the President, and all departmental student organizations by the dean of the particular department. It is further provided that all student organizations are to be supervised by the authorizing power, and that they shall annually make a financial statement, to be published in a University publication.

The Executive Committee on behalf of the Board of Trustees approved the resolution, but added the proviso that it would not assume any financial obligations for student organizations.

President Stockton has appointed a committee composed of Dr. W. C. Ruediger, chairman, and Deans Wilbur and Hodgkins to supervise University student organizations. The following organizations have thus far been authorized: The Athletic Association, THE NEWS, The Cherry Tree, The Chemical Society.

FRATERNITY NOTES.

THE Sigma Kappa Sorority has pledged the following young ladies: Miss Lavinia Kent and Miss Maie Zirklin.

Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity gave a card party on the evening of Friday, November 25. Five-hundred was played until about midnight, when refreshments were served. Miss Imbach and Mr. A. M. Daniels took first honors, while Miss Moore and Mr. E. J. Hough carried off the second prize. Mrs. Daniels chaperoned this little gathering of about twelve couples.

Mr. A. N. Miller, of the College of Arts and Sciences, has been pledged to Theta Delta Chi.

Phi Delta Phi (legal) had its initiation on the evening of December 3. The initiates were Messrs. Carl Sheppard, Tom Scanlon, St. Clair Smith, Peachy Spencer, Carroll Glover, Sebastian Hinton, J. G. Paine and Philip Goode. Prof. H. A. Mumma was elected an honorary member.

On November 19 the Phi Delta Phi men were addressed by Prof. W. C. Clephane, at the University Club. These addresses are made every two weeks and are always on some question of law.

The Sigma Chis have moved their quarters from 1748 S street to a much better house at 1933 Calvert street.

The Phi Sigma Kappas have also moved into better quarters at 1717 S street. The old house was at 1538 Seventeenth street.

Dean Lorenzen was at the Sigma Phi Epsilon house the other night and gave an informal talk to the men of the chapter on "Student Life in Germany." The men of Sigma Phi Epsilon were fortunate in having the Dean address them. Dean Lorenzen always has something interesting to say.

On Saturday evening, December 3, the men pledged to the Psi Omega were initiated into the fraternity. The following men were admitted: G. E. White, J. P. Robertson, and J. S. Hardester. After the initiations were over an informal banquet was held. Mr. Loyd Y. Beers presided as toastmaster. A number of the Alumni were present to spend the evening.

DENTAL SCHOOL NOTES.

DURING the Thanksgiving holidays the Dental Infirmary was thoroughly renovated. The walls and ceiling also received a new coat of paint. Among other improvements was the installing of one of the latest improved sterilizers for the use of the students.

The Dental students take their hats off to Mr. Farmer, of the freshmen class, for his splendid work in the late interdepartment meet. Out of the four contests which Mr. Farmer entered he won three.

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INTERDEPARTMENTAL MEET.

Although the meet brought to light a good deal of track material, in one sense at least, it was a conspicuous failure. The student body failed absolutely to respond with an degree of generality. In spite of the fact that every effort was made to attract the students, it must in all candor be acknowledged that the students did not want to be attracted.

There was perhaps a good deal of excuse for the small attendance of students at the football games. But there was little, if any excuse, for the failure of a large majority of the student body to be present at the track meet. The date, time, and price were all sufficiently convenient for everyone. The events were well worth while. Those who were not present not only showed a lack of the proper spirit, but also missed seeing a good thing.

THE TRIBUNE EDITORIAL.

ON July 10, the New York Daily Tribune published the following editorial regarding conditions at the University:

The announcement that the George Washington University is planning to sell some of its property to pay its debts * * * is, on the whole, to be regarded with satisfaction by the friends of that institution. It indicates that the University is to be kept going, but is to be placed upon a substantial rather than speculative or fictitious basis. A small college, solvent and well conducted, is certainly preferable to a big university inflated upon a basis of debts and pretences. It might be well for that institution to consider the propriety and the profit of changing its name by discarding the George Washington, which was assumed for a not altogether creditable purpose, and which has been associated with the institution's self-incurred misfortunes, and resuming the name "Columbian," under which the University had a long and honorable career, and by which it is affectionately remembered by a multitude of alumni and friends."

There is a good deal in this paragraph with which everyone will agree; but, in important respects, it goes astray. Its author has evidently a misconceived notion of conditions at the University. All that is said with regard to "a small college, solvent and well conducted," will readily be conceded. That the name George Washington has been associated with the University's "self-incurred misfortunes," and that the University "had a long and honorable career" under the name of Columbian will also be granted. But we are unable to see how it can be said that the name George Washington was assumed "for a not altogether creditable purpose" or that a resumption of the name "Columbian" would be either wise or profitable.

As we understand it, the name George Washington was assumed by the University upon the promise of a gift of \$500,000. We can see nothing discreditable in this. So far as we know, there is no exact parallel which the University can claim as a precedent. But what, after all, is the difference between naming a university after its benefactor, in the first instance, and changing the name of a university, already established, upon promise of a large donation?

Harvard College is very nearly a case in point. The committee appointed in 1637 by the General Court of Massachusetts had intended to call the college Cambridge. But, in 1638, John Harvard died, devising property valued at more than £800 to the college, whereupon "it was resolved to open the college at once and to give it the name of Harvard." Yet no one has ever been heard to suggest that the circumstances under which that college took its name were "not altogether creditable."

So far as we can see, the unfortunate circumstance is not that the name of the University was changed, but that the promised gift has not as yet been realized.

The fact that good work was done under the name "Columbian" and that the name George Washington "has been associated with self-incurred misfortunes" is, in our opinion, no reason why the latter name should be abandoned in favor of the former. The educational work under the latter was in every sense up to the standard of that under the former. In fact, it was because scholastic standards were made so high that a large part of the "self-incurred misfortunes" were encountered. The financial embarrassments of the University in recent years are facts that we can no more get away from by changing the name of the University than a man can acquire new habits by adopting a new name. Whether the University is called Columbian or George Washington is all one, so long as its finances are secure and its educational work of a high grade. What is needed is not a new name or the old name readopted, but a sound financial foundation. This is the problem to which the Trustees are devoting their attention and which they have already partially solved.

BOOKS OLD AND NEW

Hazlitt—A Writer for Book-Lovers.

BY "book-lovers" I do not mean bibliophiles—those who love the body and not the soul, but true lovers of what is alive in the book, those who care nothing for the edition or the binding or the paper, so long as the print is good and black and there is margin enough for a note now and then. To such I commend as friend, counsellor, and patron saint, William Hazlitt, who lived in London and wrote for the newspapers about books, plays and pictures a hundred years ago.

There was nothing very saint-like about Hazlitt when he was alive. He was unsociable and crabbed; he was a poor family man; he quarreled with nearly every friend he ever had, first or last, even with Charles Lamb, "the gentle Elia," about the hardest literary man to quarrel with, one would suppose, who ever put pen to paper. But that only makes Hazlitt more attractive now. He put his quarrels into his books and they make as good reading as everything else he wrote.

The point about Hazlitt as a book-lover was his single-heartedness. We often profess to be fond of books, but when it comes to the test we prefer something else. We think, as Stevenson says, that

"Books are good enough in their own way, but they are a mighty bloodless substitute for life."

That was not Hazlitt's idea. To him life is unsatisfactory, even unreal, compared with the world of books. His view of it is that "life is the perpetual struggle to be what we are not and do what we cannot."

"There are only three pleasures in life pure and lasting, and all derived from inanimate things—books, pictures and the face of nature."

And again

"I have had more pleasure in reading the adventures of a novel (and perhaps changing situations with the hero) than I ever had in my own."

What Hazlitt writes about books is as vital and inspiring as his subject, and always sends one back to the original work. To read his "Characters of Shakespeare's Plays" is to read the plays again. To read him on Byron or Coleridge or Burke or Rousseau or Montaigne whets the appetite once more for these authors, though we may have thought they had nothing more to give us; and when in his essay on Scott he recites the names and attributes of the great novelist's characters, they pass before us again in stately review like that pageant of the kings of Scotland, shown by the witches to Macbeth upon the blasted heath. In this passage and in the companion to it, where he describes the career of Coleridge, the ardor of Hazlitt's admiration carries him on and on, one figure following another in a flood of splendid eloquence. There is nothing quite like it in English literature.

Enthusiasm begets enthusiasm.

We live by imitation and we imitate feeling more readily than we follow reasoning. A man can learn more about Shakespeare from a page of Hazlitt than from volumes of criticism by whiskered and spectacled German scholars. Incidentally he learns to know Hazlitt and finds a doorway into the land of the ideal which he will never forget, and never seek in vain. —LUPUS.

PYRAMID SOCIETY ELECTS.

THE Pyramid Honor Society met for the second time this autumn to complete elections for the year. Of the ten members who are elected each calendar year, six were chosen in the spring elections, leaving four vacancies to be filled this fall. However, only two were filled. The men who were fortunate enough to be chosen, are: Henry P. Du Bois and Mathew S. Farmer. It is regretted that it was impossible to fill the other two vacancies, but owing to the fact that there is an abundance, nay a plethora, of eligibles to choose from, it is not easy to secure the unanimous voice of the Pyramid members on any one of them.

Following the elections the Pyramid was occupied with various other business matters which must be labeled simply "not for publication." Adjournment was had to the autumn banquet, to be held on Wednesday, December 7.

VETERINARY NOTES.

WHEN you are sick don't call the "horse-doctor." Say "veterinary surgeon."

When the mad horse recently escaped from the custody of some of our veterinarians, the city of Washington was saved from grave danger by the prompt and decisive action of our Dean, who pursued the raging beast through the streets of the city, and, drawing his trusty gun, laid him low.

The "Six O'clock Club" met on Saturday night for a social evening. Nobody knows who they are, and nobody cares, but they say they met, and it is here recorded.

Dr. G. H. Koon, of this city (and school), is prepared to give professional advice and demonstrations in the gentle art of roller-skating. He gives weekly exhibitions at the Arcade rink, and is a specialist on skating on other parts of his anatomy than his feet.

Acting on the principle that a man who is to impersonate as a doctor of veterinary medicine, should first know how to handle a horse as a horseman, the College is arranging for lectures and demonstrations in horsemanship for the Junior Class, to be given by Mr. Miller, an experienced horseman of the Senior Class.

The Freshmen are spending their evenings in the dissecting room now. They have come to the point where they have to put on their overalls and go to work.

ALUMNI NOTES.

THE following are the remaining twelve presidents of the general Alumni Association:

Jesse H. Wilson (deceased), A.B., '74; LL.B., '76; president from 1894-5. Mr. Wilson was a tutor in the University from 1872-6. Subsequently he engaged in the practice of law in this city. For a number of years he was director of the Bar Association, and one of the examiners of candidates for admission to the bar of the Supreme Court of the District. He was a member of the board of trustees of the local schools from 1893-1901, and served on various important school committees.

Charles W. Richardson, M.D., '84, president from 1895-6. Dr. Richardson was subsequently made a member of the Board of Trustees of the University, and professor of laryngology and otology in the Medical School, which latter position he still holds. He is a member of a number of important medical societies, and an author and contributor of considerable note. Address, 1317 Connecticut avenue, Washington, D. C.

Chapin Brown, A.B., '76; LL.B., '77; president from 1896-7. Mr. Brown is one of the leading members of the local bar. Address, 323 John Marshall place, Washington, D. C.

Andrew B. Duvall (deceased), A.B., '67; LL.B., '69; president from 1897-8. Mr. Duvall was for many years in partnership with Joseph H. Bradley, a leading member of the District bar. He was at one time a lecturer in the law department of Georgetown University. In 1899 he was appointed by the Commissioners of the District as attorney of the District, the title of which office was later changed, first to City Solicitor, and then to Corporation Counsel.

D. Kerfoot Shute, A.B., '79; M.D., '83; president from 1898-9. Since 1888 Dr. Shute has been professor of anatomy in the Medical School. He is consulting ophthalmologist to the University Hospital, the Central Dispensary and Emergency Hospital, the Providence Hospital, and the Government Hospital for the Insane. He is a member of various medical and technical organizations, and of the Cosmos Club of this city. He is the author of "A First Book in Organic Evolution," and has contributed extensively to medical and technical periodicals on anatomy and ophthalmology. Address, 1719 De Sales street, Washington, D. C.

John Joy Edson, LL.B., '69; president from 1899-1900. Mr. Edson is at present a member of the Board of Trustees of the University. He is interested in many prominent business and financial enterprises. In 1893 he was tendered the position of Commissioner

of the District of Columbia by President Harrison, and again in 1901 by President McKinley. Address, Washington Loan and Trust Building, Washington D. C.

William B. King, A.B., '78; LL.B., '80; LL.M., '81; president from 1900-1. Mr. King is a member of George A. & W. B. King law firm. He is also prominent in musical circles. Address, 728 Seventeenth street, Washington, D. C.

George N. Acker, M.D., '74; president from 1901-2. Dr. Acker is clinical professor of medicine and diseases of children in the Medical School. He is a member of several medical societies. Address, 913 Sixteenth street, Washington, D. C.

Augustus S. Worthington, LL.B., '68; president from 1902-3. Mr. Worthington served from 1862-5 as a private in Company D of the Ninety-eighth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He did not begin the practice of law until two years after graduating from the Law School. From 1884-88 he was United States District Attorney of the District of Columbia. He is a prominent member of the local bar and a trustee of the University. Address, Columbian Building, Washington, D. C.

W. B. King, A.B., '78; LL.B., '80; LL.M., '81; president from 1903-7.

Edwin C. Brandenburg, LL.B., '90; LL.M., '91; president from 1907-9. From 1889-1905 he was connected with the Department of Justice as special United States Attorney. He resigned this position to engage in private practice. He is professor of procedure in bankruptcy and insolvency in the Law School. He is the author of: Brandenburg, On Bankruptcy, and A Digest of Bankruptcy Decisions. Address, Fendall Building, Washington, D. C.

Aldis B. Browne, LL.B., '79; president 1909. In 1882 Mr. Browne entered the firm of Britton & Gray and has since been engaged in active practice. He is a trustee of this University, of the American University, and of Goucher College, Baltimore. He is a lecturer on the law faculty of Georgetown University. Address, 1419 F street, Washington, D. C.

John E. Jones, M.D., '97, is United States Consul-General at Winnipeg, Canada. During the political campaign of 1900 he was assistant secretary of the Republican National Committee. He was also delegate to the National Republican Convention of the same year. For sixteen years previous to the time he entered the diplomatic service he was on the staff of the *Evening Star* of this city. He was appointed consul at Winnipeg in 1907 and was promoted to the rank of consul-general in June, 1908. Address, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

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INTERCLASS MEET COMMENDED BY ALL

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The results of the meet were as follows:

50-yard dash.—First heat—First, Bryant, Law; second, Farmer, Dental; third, Brady, A. & S. Second heat—First, Langley, Law; second, Sterne, A. & S.; third, Slarrow, A. & S. Finals—First, Farmer, Dental; second, Langley, Law; third, Brady, A. & S.

880-yard run—First, Bryant, Law; second, Fleming, A. & S.; third, Zeh, Law.

220-yard run—First, Farmer, Dental; second, Smith, A. & S.; third, Brady, A. & S.

One-mile run—First, Maxson, A. & S.; second, Fleming, A. & S.; third, Tucker, A. & S.

440-yard run—First, Renner, A. & S.; second, Bryant, Law; third, Zeh, Law.

Shot-put—First, Farmer, Dental; second, Tucker, A. & S.; third, Kause, A. & S.

Two-mile run—First, Maxson, A. & S.; second, Fleming, A. & S.; third, Smith, A. & S.

High jump—First, Kause, A. & S.; second, Bryant, Law; third, Renner, A. & S.

BEQUESTS TO THE HOSPITAL.

THE University has received \$9,583 in securities and money from the estate of the late Ellen C. Depew Woodbury, through Messrs. G. Blair and M. Blair, executors. These funds are to be used as an endowment for the reception and treatment of female patients in the Hospital.

The University is also a beneficiary to the extent of \$10,000, under the will of the late Lambert Tree, of Chicago, who died some six weeks ago. The interest of the bequest is to be used for the establishment and maintenance of beds in the Hospital.

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TEACHERS COLLEGE NOTES.

DID you go to Columbia University during the summer? We are still hearing pleasant reminiscences of vacations spent at this great summer school. There were about 2,600 students there, our city sending up a delegation of thirty-five teachers. Miss Goding brings glowing reports from this mecca for educators. Miss Alberta Walker and Supervising Principal F. L. Hendley, with Miss Goding, were a jolly trio. We understand they were quite successful in combining fun along with hard study during the sweltering summer.

One of our teachers who returned from Europe in September reports that he is hereafter a tariff-for-revenue-only Democrat. All this is the result of his trying to bring in some purchases that were not for personal use. Another such experience and he will be a confirmed free-trader.

Teachers College is pleased to hear of the appointment of Miss L. A. Ross, A.B., '10, to a position in the Business High School. During July and August, Miss Ross, with six other University students, was making a special investigation in the post office of the cost of the mail service to the railroads.

The appointment of Miss Maret and Miss Ross, both of the Class of '10, to positions in the high schools so soon after earning their degrees is encouraging to those teachers pursuing courses here with a view to preparation for examinations for high school positions. Teaching is fast becoming a profession and our teachers are realizing that professional training is essential for rapid advancement in our school system.

Miss Hilda North has been pursuing courses with the University of Chicago in the History of Education and the History of Antiquity.

Letters of a College Professor to His Niece.

IV.

MY DEAR GEORGIANA: I fear that I have neglected my correspondence of late in a way that is unpardonable, especially as concerns yourself, for you are certainly an admirable, if occasionally erratic, correspondent. And the only excuse that I have to offer is that much of my spare time has been occupied in a way that might lead one to believe that I have come to regard my profession with levity and to disregard my age altogether. But the truth is that that young scamp of a Sidney Wharton has beguiled me into using much of my time in a way that I should once have thought unbecoming to one in my position. He insists that I am not so old as I look—his own words—and that my baldness is due only to the fact that so many people patted me on the head when I was a lad and called me a bright boy—his words again. So the upshot of it is that I have taken to playing golf—though characterizing it as playing is a sweeping generalization of my activities with the clubs.

That game! Never have I encountered a problem so difficult to solve, nor a method so elusive to master. And always as one is on the edge of despair, ready to renounce all further attempts, one executes some difficult shot so neatly and with such exhilarating perfection that one thrills at one's own skill and flounders on through more miserable fiascos, hoping always to repeat the triumph. It seemed to me at first that the links must be as sanguinary as a battlefield, with sticks flourishing over one's head and balls, clouds, and invective raining about one's ears. I cannot admit that I consider such forcible expression of exasperation necessary or even permissible, but I can at least understand the remark of a late colleague of mine who, after missing a ball, observed mournfully to a friend, "I'm very much afraid, Judge, that I shall have to give up the ministry."

I dropped into Wharton's room last night, with the intention of discussing the next chapter of my "Ethical Degeneration," as I am in the habit of doing occasionally. Now that I think of it, I cannot remember his ever contributing anything more than a word or two of agreement, but I find that an intelligent listener enables me to develop my ideas under the most favorable conditions. Last night I found half a dozen young men holding forth through a cloud of tobacco smoke in the room below mine, and I would have taken myself off at once if my host had permitted it. However, I made myself as unobtrusive as possible at one corner of the fireplace, and after a pause the conversation continued as freely as before. In fact, I believe that they quite forgot my presence. I was immensely interested to find that they were discussing the theory and practical workings of term examinations. Personally, I consider them trivial and unscholarly and

would eliminate them entirely from the higher institutions of learning if I could. But they presented a side which I had not considered.

"Take all this University of Penn bosh that's in the papers just now," said one who had been speaking when I came in. "Of course no one believes that three-fourths of the students are really drug-fiends. That's as absurd as the theory that a man who has prepared his work carefully during the term doesn't have to bone for finals. But I do say that it oughtn't to be necessary for a man to have every unimportant detail at his tongue's end—and in half a dozen subjects at that—six or seven months after he's been over it."

"Yes, and that's not the worst of it," chimed in another, "half the profs spend most of their time lecturing and never know, till the end of the term, whether the fellow understands what he's been talking about or not. Why, I've seen a class sit there half asleep, nodding gently under the soothing monotony of the lecturer's voice. Of course it's easier to talk straight ahead on a subject that you know from A to Z than it is to keep a whole class on the jump, and yet—"

"I don't quite see that," said one quiet-looking young fellow who had not spoken before. "The profs are conscientious enough, and a lot of them would discard the exam system quick enough if the authorities would let them. But they always have given exams and I suppose they always will."

"Yes, and the fellows will go on cutting at judicious intervals as they feel like it, and trust to making it up at the end of the term by boning like thunder—and forget it the next week. By Jove, I'll have to be finding out what they use in Philly myself pretty soon. My system's gotten so used to coffee and wet towels that they just put me to sleep now," said one youth, ruefully, at which the others laughed, and there was a general rising, accompanied by much clatter of pipes.

"It just comes to this," said Bates, oracularly, "if we didn't have exams we'd learn more, because we'd have to know it as we went along—and they'd have to know that we knew it. And if you can't do away with exams altogether, why not let off all the fellows who make a certain grade during the term from taking them? You'd have a lot better attendance at classes than you have now, anyway." And that was the last of it for that night. I wonder—

I wished to speak to you about another thing. The people with whom young Wharton intended to spend his Christmas holidays have had a death in the family, and that leaves him rather unattached, as he cannot well go all the way to Texas for only two weeks. When I discovered this I invited him to come home with me, for I felt a real pang at the thought of his spending a homeless Christmas here. I have

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FOOTBALL TEAM OF 1910

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St. John's. Washington College played us a no-score game, though we probably showed to slightly better advantage than did our opponents, everything considered. Our offense, in this game, was woefully weak, as indeed it was throughout the season. On the defense, however, our line was practically impenetrable, while the ends and backs did satisfactory work. Against M. A. C., who defeated us by a 6 to 0 score, we were most unlucky. After having outplayed them at practically every angle, without having had our goal seriously threatened, we were forced to bend the knee in defeat in the last minute of play, on a fluke, which, without the aid of the fast-falling darkness, would have been smothered before well started. The St. John's game, the last to be played on the home grounds, proved sluggish and uninteresting throughout. The scoreless tie fairly represents the relative strength of the two teams.

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LETTERS OF A COLLEGE PROFESSOR TO HIS NIECE.

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developed an odd affection for the lad, but I am afraid that I should have consulted you and your mother before rashly extending an invitation to your home. However, I am sure that Mary will welcome him, and I hope that you, my dear, will immolate yourself for the sake of your uncle to the extent of being kind to the boy. He hesitated to come because he feared that it would inconvenience my family, but I could see that he was eager to accept.

At home in two weeks! You cannot imagine the welcome sound of those words to an exiled professor.

Your affectionate uncle,

GEORGE RANKIN.

ENGINEERING NOTES.

DEAN HODGKINS attended the meeting of the Association of Colleges and Preparatory Schools of the Middle States and Maryland, held at Lehigh University on November 25 and 26, as a delegate of our University. More than one hundred delegates were present at the meeting. The program gave special attention to the place and method of teaching science and mathematics in colleges and secondary schools.

An important meeting of the Engineering Society was held on Saturday, December 3, at which the plans for the Engineering Smoker, to be held on the 17, were perfected. It has been decided to hold the smoker at the Congressional Hotel. The Society urges all men who plan to attend, to pay up as soon as possible in order that those in charge may have sufficient funds on hand to complete the arrangements.

The November number of *The Southern Engineer*, published

Atlanta, Ga., contains an article on the "Power House of the York Light and Heat Company, Biddeford, Maine," written by Hugh G. Boutell, a student of the College of Engineering. Mr. Boutell has contributed quite frequently to this and other engineering journals for some time.

RABBI SIMON SPEAKS.

RABBI ABRAM SIMON, of the Washington Hebrew Congregation, made the address at Chapel, on Thursday, December 1. His topic was of particular interest to students, as it dealt with the national aspect of education. Some of the many good things he said were: "In the largest sense the nation is our alma mater;" "The College or University is in the first place, a temple of knowledge, secondly it is a temple of idealism as well as of realism; and thirdly, it is a fortress of democracy;" "The highest degree or diploma a man can get is a certificate of good citizenship;" "As long as educated men are our public men we can look for the uplift of the whole nation and the betterment of humanity."

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

MAGAZINES—THE STUDY GROUP.

WITH a number of the most popular current magazines and periodicals on file, the Y. M. C. A. Room is an excellent place to spend a quiet and interesting half-hour or so. Come up, get acquainted and join us.

Then there is another important fact to be kept in mind. Friday, December 9, marks the opening of the Study Group, conducted by the College Y. M. C. A. Have you gotten in line for this? If not, you should do so at once, for the course—dealing with live and practical problems—is going to be a good one, without a single dull moment, and one that will be of benefit and interest to all who participate.

The Central Y. M. C. A. will have general supervision of the work. Mr. Sutherland, one of the head secretaries at the Washington Y. M. C. A., who is greatly interested in college Y. M. C. A. work, has outlined the course and will be present from time to time to direct the class. The student officers will, however, do the bulk of the work, and free and informal discussions will be encouraged.

Friday, then, at 1 o'clock, is the regular time for the meetings, which will always last about twenty-five minutes. The place is the Y. M. C. A. room on the fourth floor of 1528 Eye street. Make it a point to be on hand!

PHARMACY NOTES.

THE members of the Senior Class are certainly burning the midnight oil, in preparation for the annual combat with those Christmas exams.

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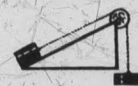


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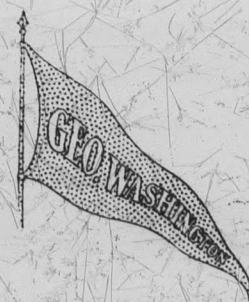
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AT THE SIGN OF THE HAIR-PIN.

POLLY ANN told me to meet her on the steps of the G. W. U. on Eye street, at noon Monday. Of course, I didn't find her there. But I did find some six or eight flights of steps.

Now Polly Ann's most prominent characteristics are vagueness in making appointments, and uncertainty in the keeping of them. So when I saw no Polly awaiting me, I knew that there were but two alternatives—either I must take my stand on the opposite sidewalk, where I could overlook all exists and await events and Polly's pleasure, or I must venture in and hunt her up. I decided on the latter. Walking slowly along the rows of steps I wondered which led to the "girl-affected" quarters. Suddenly on one step I espied a small, black, horse-shoe of wire.

"At the sign of the hair-pin!" I cried and entered.

A long narrow passage and at the end of it an open room. It might have been a library, for it was book-lined. It might have been a study hall, for there were long leather-covered tables with chairs at regular intervals. It might have been a reception-room, from the subdued murmur of voices. Evidently this was where the young ladies studied. I knew I shouldn't find Polly Ann there so I turned to my right down a convenient corridor. As I came into the next building, a flock of girls were entering the front door. Each carried a paper bundle.

"Have we gotten everything, girls?" one asked. "Cream cheese, pickles, pie * * *. Did you get the bread, Jenny?"

"Oh, no," returned Jenny, rapidly. "I got some eclairs instead."

The last girl disappeared up the stairs. I heard a door open, a welcoming hubbub, and the door closed again. Still no Polly Ann!

"Are you going to Chapel today?" a voice behind me said, and just then two girls passed and started up same steps.

"Chapel?" said the one addressed. "Not today. You know I have a lot to do before half past one. Lunch will take half an hour. Then I saw a beauty hat down on F, that I simply must have before tomorrow. There's Billy to be seen at 1 o'clock, and those three committee meetings. After that my German, English topic, and Economics for this evening—"

My head buzzed.

"How do they find time for all this?" I wondered. "How can the professors make the poor girls work so hard when they are so busy otherwise!"

I turned and wandered back to the door at which I had entered. I had not waited long when a bustle, a whirl of skirts, and a reproachful voice introduced Polly Ann.

"Where have you been, brother?" she cried. "Here I have been waiting for the last half hour—right up on the second floor!"

Y. W. C. A. NOTES.

WE have been fortunate in having with us lately two of the association's best friends: On November 15, Mrs. Wilbur talked to us on "Friendship," and last week we had the pleasure of listening to an address by Miss Brown, who founded the George Washington Y. W. C. A., and has always been ready to help us in every way.

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